GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated resources collected from the imposition of cess on petrol and diesel for development of rural infrastructure in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the said amount would constitute half of the total amount of fund raised in this manner;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the distribution of such resources during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, State- wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) to (d) The cess collected on diesel accrues into the Central Road Fund, which is governed by the provisions of the Central Road Fund Act, 2000. As per provisions of the Central Road Fund Act, 2000, fifty percent of the cess on high speed diesel is allocated for the development of rural roads.

(e) The amount released from the share of cess earmarked for development of rural roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to the States during 2003-04, 2004- 05 and 2005-06, till date, is given at Annexure.